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Police Announce BridgeStat Program to Inform Citizens & Track Crime in Cambridge

July 21, 2010 – The Cambridge Police Department is proud to announce the first release from its new BridgeStat program designed to share information with the public and combat crime in the city.

BridgeStat, similar to the CitiStat program used in New York City, is a multilayered dynamic approach to crime reduction, quality of life improvement, and personnel and resource management. Police personnel meet to devise strategies and tactics to solve problems, reduce crime, and ultimately improve quality of life in their community. Similar systems are in use in other major cities including Washington, DC, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Austin, San Francisco, and Baltimore.

Through the new BridgeStat program, the Cambridge Police Department will produce a monthly public report to the community on current police priorities¹ in terms of crime, traffic, and disorder issues in the city.

The first iteration of BridgeStat includes information relating to historical trends, a breakdown of crimes by type, strategies the Cambridge Police are deploying to deal with crime patterns that have been identified, and tips for how citizens can protect themselves and help reduce crime in Cambridge. Future versions will contain more comprehensive information broken down by neighborhood and business district, as well as detailed maps showing areas that are most susceptible to certain types of crime.

To access BridgeStat, please visit:

http://www.cambridgema.gov/CityOfCambridge_Content/documents/BridgeStat_Final_PUBLIC.pdf

¹ There may be occasions where not all police priorities will be identified for public safety and tactical reasons.